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SUBJECT: NOTE TO GSDR ON SURVEY TEAM

1. IN ORDER TO INSURE MUTUAL COOPERATION BETWEEN US SURVEY TEAM AND GSDR DURING PROPOSED VISIT, YOU SHOULD CONVEY TO GSDR BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE FOLLOWING GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TEAM'S COMPOSITION, MISSION AND REQUIREMENTS. DESCRIPTION IS DESIGNED TO AVOID ANY IMPLICATION THAT US IS ASSUMING ONGOING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR FURTHER ASSESSMENTS OR THAT ANY SPECIFIC AMOUNT OF US MILITARY ASSISTANCE WILL AUTOMATICALLY FOLLOW AS CONSEQUENCE OF TEAM'S VISIT.

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COMPOSITION, MISSION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY UNITED STATES SURVEY TEAM TO SOMALIA.

A. GENERAL: THE US DEPARTMENTS OF DEFENSE AND STATE WILL SEND AND THE SOMALI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WILL RECEIVE A UNITED STATES SURVEY TEAM. THIS TEAM WILL BE ATTACHED TO

THE US EMBASSY IN MOGADISCIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF SURVEYING MILITARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE GSDR IN RELATION TO THE EXTERNAL THREAT TO THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF SOMALIA. THIS TEAM IS BEING PROVIDED BY THE USG IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST OF THE GSDR FOR MILITARY SUPPLY FROM THE US. IT WILL WORK WITHIN THE OVERALL CONTEXT OF THE USG POLICY ON ARMS TRANSFERS ANNOUNCED ON MAY 19, 1977. THIS SURVEY TEAM WILL BE TEMPORARY AND WILL REMAIN IN SOMALIA FOR AN ESTIMATED TWO WEEKS.

B. COMPOSITION: THE UNITED STATES MEMBERS OF THE SURVEY TEAM WILL BE:

TEAM CHIEF: US ARMY (COLONEL)
DEPUTY CHIEF: STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
ANTI-TANK WEAPONS SPECIALIST
COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST
LOGISTICS SPECIALIST
MANPOWER AND TRAINING SPECIALIST
AMERICAN EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE: FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER-
ESCORT OFFICER

C. THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC,
WILL:

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-- INDICATE BY FUNCTIONAL AREA OF SOMALIA'S GENERAL PRIORITIES.

-- PROVIDE SOMALIA'S ASSESSMENT OF EXTERNAL THREAT.
-- PROVIDE CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS, EQUIPMENT STATUS REPORTS, AND UNIT LOCATIONS.
-- INDICATE TYPES AND ANTICIPATED DELIVERY SCHEDULES OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

-- DESIGNATE A MILITARY PROJECT/LIAISON OFFICER WHO WOULD BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE TEAM'S VISIT.

-- MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONFERENCES BETWEEN SOMALI MILITARY OFFICERS AND/OR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND TEAM MEMBERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURTHERING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY.

-- PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION WITHIN MOGADISCIO AND BETWEEN MOGADISCIO AND ACTIVE MILITARY UNITS IN THE FIELD.

D. THE US TEAM WILL:

-- IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT EXTERNAL THREAT TO THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, EXAMINE THE CAPABILITIES OF THE SOMALI ARMED FORCES, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ANTI-TANK DEFENSE, COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT.

-- IDENTIFY ANY SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES IN THESE AREAS, AS WELL AS IN THE LEVEL OF TRAINING, LOGISTICAL SUPPORT CAPABILITIES AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SOMALI ARMED FORCES.

-- IDENTIFY TYPES OF EQUIPMENT, SERVICES AND TRAINING REQUIRED TO MEET IDENTIFIED DEFICIENCIES.

E. THE USG'S WILLINGNESS TO SEND A JOINT STATE/DEFENSE
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SURVEY TEAM AND THE GSDR'S WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT SAID TEAM IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS:

-- THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC WISH TO LAY THE BASIS FOR CLOSER, COOPERATIVE RELATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS IN THE ECONOMIC, MILITARY, AND POLITICAL FIELDS.

-- THE GSDR IS NOT OBLIGATED TO PURCHASE OR PROCURE US EQUIPMENT OR TRAINING.

-- THE GSDR IS NOT COMMITTED TO ACCEPT THE FINDINGS OF THE TEAM.

-- THE USG WILL NOT ASSUME ANY ONGOING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSESSING THE GSDR'S MILITARY SITUATION OR PLANNING ITS FORCE MODERNIZATION.

-- THE USG IS NOT COMMITTED TO PROVIDE ANY SPECIFIC DEFENSE EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES TO SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ON THE BASIS OF THIS SURVEY.

-- THE TEAM IS NOT COMMITTED TO PREPARE FOR THE GSDR ANY ADDITIONAL, INDEPENDENT SURVEY OF SOMALI DEFENSE NEEDS OR ASSESSMENT OF EXTERNAL THREATS OR TO PROVIDE MILITARY ADVICE CONCERNING ORGANIZATION, TACTICS, OR DOCTRINE, OR TO CONSULT ON BASING OR INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS OR PLANNING, OR TO PREJUDGE A USG DECISION REGARDING THE SALE OF ANY US ORIGIN DEFENSE ARTICLE OR SERVICE. END QUOTE.

2. IN CONVEYING FOREGOING, EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TEAM BEING ABLE TO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT SOMALIA AND HAVE ACCESS TO OPERATIONAL UNITS AND LOCATIONS
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OF MILITARY IMPORTANCE. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT THE GUIDELINES IN THE NOTE FOLLOW STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR US MILITARY SURVEY TEAMS.

3. GSDR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PROPOSAL MAY TAKE THE FORM OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

4. EXPANDED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR US GUIDANCE ONLY WILL FOLLOW IN SEPARATE MESSAGE. VANCE

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